

February 14, 1989 LB 159
 LR 30

New resolution, Mr. President, offered by the Speaker, LR 30. (Read brief explanation of LR 30. See page 734 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over.

And, Mr. President, received a report, the biennium report from the Nebraska Public Transportation System Programs from the Department of Roads. That will be on file in my office.

One announcement, Mr. President. The General Affairs Committee will meet in Executive Session underneath the north balcony at nine-thirty. General Affairs, north balcony, nine-thirty. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, we'll move on to General File, LB 159.

CLERK: Mr. President, 159 is a bill introduced by Senator Conway and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Judiciary, Mr. President. The bill was passed over, Mr. President, on January 31. I have a motion from the principal introducer at this time to bracket LB 159 until March 2, 1989, and that's offered by Senator Conway, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway, would you like to speak to us about that, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President, and members, LB 159, as most of you are well aware, is the so-called tort reform bill that we passed last year that was ultimately vetoed then by the Governor and we have reintroduced that bill in the form by which it was passed last year back to the body. It went to the committee and was sent out...back out to the floor. There is some negotiation going on relative to some technicalities that many of us believe would make the bill better, more palatable for those who are going to be affected by it to the greatest extent. And those negotiations have not been finalized as yet and that's why I'm asking for the bracket for March 2nd, asking for those 10 working days for us to finish that negotiation so that when we bring it to the body that we will be in a better position to offer the best bill that we can to this group. So I would ask that the body support the bracket motion to March 2nd.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections? Senator Ashford.